Final report of Godhra train incident

3289. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the final report of the Railway inquiry on the Godhra train burning incident in February, 2002;

(b) if so, the accurate figure for the loss of lives, with break-up by sex, age-group (adult or child), State of domicile and passenger status (whether listed or other-wise);

(c) whether all the victims have been identified and their next-of-kin received the ex-gratia announced by Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) No, Sir. A judicial enquiry is under process by the State Government.

(b) 59 passengers died out of which 52 were identified and 7 were not identified.

The break up is as under :—

(i) Loss of life

Male	:	21
Female	:	26
Children	:	05
Not identified	:	07
Total	:	59

(ii) Dead passengers belonging to Gujarat State-47/ Uttar Pradesh State-05. Bodies of 7 passengers have not been identified so far, hence their state of domicile is not available.

(c) and (d) 52 bodies have been identified and ex-gratia amounting to Rs. 7.80 lakhs has been paid to their next of kins. Seven dead bodies could not be identified.

Cleanliness in passenger Trains and at the railway stations

3290. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the services regarding sanitation and cleanliness in the passengers trains and at the railway stations are unsatisfactory ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of complaints received during the last one year and till date; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to bring about improvement in the sanitary conditions at all the railway stations and passenger trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise. 952 complaints were received during last year, which were attended to promptly.

(c) Various actions taken to improve sanitation on Railway stations and in trains include strengthening of monitoring and supervision, introduction of Pay and Use scheme of toilets at stations emphasis on mechanized cleaning processes, provision of washable aprons and additional dustbins, regular removal of garbage, spraying of insecticides, repairs to drains, monthly intensive cleaning of coaches, use of high pressure jet cleaning plants at coaching depots and mobile jet cleaning machines at stations enroute, use of improved and eco friendly cleaning agents, use of various media to educate the passengers & seeking their cooperation to keep Railway areas and trains clean.

Lending of shops by SER to private parties

3291. SHRI R. S GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South-Eastern Railway has discontinued the practice of lending shops on Railway land to private parties on rent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether it is a fact that number of shops are vacant due to this policy and causing huge losses to Railways ;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures proposed for proper utilisation of Railway property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

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3292. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA
DR. ABRAR AHMED :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :